

DR. MYRTIS POWELL HONORED AS
A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Myrtis Powell, Ph.D., an educator, civic leader and community activist, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 16 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has bestowed this award on distinguished members of the community annually since 1967. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement; community service; leadership; compassion; and vision. Past honorees have included Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin and Charles Scripps.

The eldest of 14 children, Dr. Powell was born in Evergreen, Alabama, where she earned her high school degree when she was just 16 years old. With a quest for knowledge and a passion for learning, Dr. Powell's life has been defined by her distinguished career in education.

Dr. Powell moved to Cincinnati in 1955 to live with her aunt. While working full time in various secretarial and clerical positions, she climbed the ladder of higher education by taking evening and part-time classes at the University of Cincinnati. In 1969, she earned a bachelor's degree in Administrative Management; in 1974, she received a master's degree in Sociology; and in 1978, earned a doctorate in Sociology and Higher Education Administration. Dr. Powell also holds a certificate in Executive Management from the Harvard Business School.

Throughout her life, Dr. Powell has blazed a trail for women and African-Americans. She is the first African-American to be an associate dean at the University of Cincinnati; the first African-American to hold an upper management position at Miami University, where during her tenure she improved the student affairs office and increased the minority community on campus; and the first African-American to serve as a program officer at the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation in New York City.

She recently retired from her post as President and CEO of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, an organization that provides youth employment, mentoring, and tutoring for those in need.

Dr. Powell remains active in the community, and serves on the boards of Mayerson Academy, Bethesda Hospital Inc., Union Central Life, the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, Art Links, CET, and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. She has received many honors, including designation as a Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year, Talbot House Community Service Award, Glorifying the Lion Awards from the Urban League, Miami's Alumni Association A.K. Morris Award, the YWCA Career Achievement Award, the Beacon of Light Award from Lighthouse Youth Services, and the Joseph A. Hall Award from the United Way and Community Chest.

Dr. Powell resides in the Cincinnati suburb of Amberly. Her late husband, Lavatus Powell

Jr., was a vice president at Procter & Gamble and a community leader. She has one daughter, three stepchildren and five grandchildren.

All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate Dr. Myrtis Powell on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, On Wednesday, February 8, 2006 on the Motion to Instruct Conferees regarding the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4297) I meant to vote "No" on the motion but inadvertently voted "Yes."

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE "BLUE & GOLD" WITH CUB SCOUT PACK 890

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the young men from Cub Scout Pack 890 from Woodlawn, New York as they celebrate the traditions and contributions of the Boy Scouts of America on this, the 76th anniversary of Cub Scouting.

Since 1910 Cub Scouts have embraced their motto "Do Your Best" and promoted the values of: citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility among its membership.

Today we have more than 885,000 Cub Scouts across America, learning valuable life lessons through the scouting program, who will be the next generation of leaders.

On Sunday, February 12, 2006 Pack 890 will celebrate the Anniversary of Scouting with a "Blue & Gold" dinner; blue representing truth, spirituality, steadfast loyalty and the sky above and gold which stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to recognize Cub Scout Pack 890, whose members have learned at a very young age the importance of teamwork and giving back to one's community. We should be proud knowing they are this Nation's future.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF CHICAGO'S KOREA TOWN

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of the Korea Town area of Chicago's 5th Congressional District.

Chicago is home to many culturally and ethnically based communities, and Korea Town is one of the most thriving and influential areas in our city. Anchored on Lawrence Avenue, local businesses both serve and showcase the Korean community and its heritage. The residents of this neighborhood have played a large role in its recent revitalization, boosting civic pride as the neighborhood has flourished.

Korea Town is home to many Korean restaurants, merchants, and bars popular among both residents of and visitors to Chicago. The area also serves as the hub for Chicago's communication among the Korean-American community, as it boasts Korean television and radio stations, newspaper and magazine headquarters, and other businesses that cater to the growing number of Koreans and Korean-Americans in Chicago.

Recently, the Illinois Department of Transportation put up a designation marker on Chicago's John F. Kennedy Expressway to show the way to Korea Town. This sign will lead visitors to a symbol of over 40 years of hard work of the Korean American community, as well as the many successes of immigrant communities in Chicago and across the country.

Korea Town is one of the neighborhoods that make Chicago great, boasting some of the city's wonderful opportunities for dining, shopping and family-friendly recreation. Last year, both the Chicago City Council and the Illinois General Assembly passed resolutions honoring the cultural heritage of Korea Town and the contributions of Chicago's Korean community, and I am proud to represent Korea Town and many Korean-Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognition of the rich cultural heritage of Chicago's Korea Town, and honor the many contributions of Chicago's Korean-American community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 5—"yes."

Rollcall No. 6—"yes."

Rollcall No. 7—"yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and therefore unable to vote on rollcall votes 5, 6, and 7. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 5, "aye" on rollcall vote 6 and "aye" on rollcall vote 7.